

Agenda Item: III.A.**DATE:** January 26, 2006**SUBJECT:** Challenge 2010: Annual Master Plan Progress Report**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The *Challenge 2010* report is the first of five projected reports documenting progress toward meeting the 2010 goals of the *2005-2010 Master Plan for Tennessee Higher Education: Creating Partnerships for a Better Tennessee*. *Challenge 2010* replaces the *Conditions Report* and its predecessor, *Challenge 2000*, in responding to 1989 legislation calling for an annual accountability report of the status of higher education. The purpose for focusing *Challenge 2010* on the Master Plan aspirations is to underscore the centrality of the nineteen planning goals in guiding State efforts to improve access, student preparation, affordability, and to ensure excellence in Tennessee post-secondary education. *Challenge 2010* further integrates accountability reporting with existing accountability measures by embedding planning goal assessment into the THEC 2005-2010 Performance Funding Program. Staff will present the report as information.